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3        --1. - 25. (Cancelled)

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5        26. (Currently amended)      An apparatus for applying eyeliner to the lashbed of the eyelids, said  
6        apparatus comprising:

7                  a handle having a grip end and an attachment end;

8                  a ferrule having a first end and a second end; and

9                  a tuft of bristles, said bristles forming a root end and a tip end of said tuft;

10                wherein said ferrule secures said handle to said root end of said tuft;

11                wherein said first end of said ferrule is attached to said attachment end;

12                wherein said root end is attached at said second end of said ferrule;

13                wherein said tuft has a pre-determined cross-section defined by a width and a thickness; [and]

14                wherein said bristles are aligned such that said bristles in a direction along said width form a

15                generally curved shape, such that said tuft at said tip end is arcuately shaped, and said thickness is

16                substantially uniform along said arcuate shape; and

17                wherein said apparatus is used in a method for applying cosmetic to the lashbed of the eyelids,

18                said method comprising the steps of:

19                applying cosmetic to said tip end of said tuft;

20                firmly positioning said tip end sequentially on a plurality of locations on said lashbed such

21                that said generally curved shape of said tip end meets the skin of said lashbed; and

1                   moving said tip end in a side-to-side motion on each said location such that said cosmetic is  
2                   applied to said lashbed between, above and/or below individual lashes at said location.

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4       27. (New)   An apparatus according to claim 26, wherein said plurality of bristles have substantially  
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7       28. (New)   An apparatus according to claim 26, wherein said width is greater than or equal to  
8                   twice said thickness.

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10      29. (New)   An apparatus according to claim 26, wherein said predetermined cross-section is semi-  
11                   elliptical.

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13      30. (New)   An apparatus according to claim 26, wherein said handle is tapered.

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15      31. (New)   An apparatus according to claim 26, wherein said handle is constructed from a metal.

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17      32. (New)   An apparatus according to claim 31, wherein said metal is selected from the group  
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20      33. (New)   An apparatus according to claim 26, wherein said handle is constructed from wood.

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1      34. (New)    An apparatus according to claim 26, wherein said handle is constructed from plastic.

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3      35. (New)    An apparatus according to claim 26, wherein said handle is constructed from bamboo.

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5      36. (New)    An apparatus according to claim 26, wherein said ferrule is constructed from a metal.

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7      37. (New)    An apparatus according to claim 36, wherein said metal is selected from the group  
8      consisting of tin, steel, aluminum and an alloy of tin.

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10     38. (New)    An apparatus according to claim 26, wherein said ferrule is constructed from plastic.

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12     39. (New)    An apparatus according to claim 26, wherein said bristles comprise fibrous strands.

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14     40. (New)    An apparatus according to claim 39, wherein said fibrous strands comprise synthetic  
15      nylon.

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17     41. (New)    An apparatus according to claim 39, wherein said fibrous strands comprise hair.

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19     42. (New)    An apparatus according to claim 39, wherein said fibrous strands comprise hair and  
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